

EARLY ADVERTS FOR PERFORATORS

At an antique and collectors fair **GRAHAM FORTEY** picked up a page which had been torn out of a Trade Directory. Once again there was no actual date on the page.

This page was printed both sides with adverts for Francis A Hancock of Wood Street Post Office. In Bulletin 297/22 and 285/13 (to point out but 2) there are excerpts from this advert. Graham thought the whole advert may be of interest to members. The following two pages are reduced from A4 to A5 in size so can be increased back to normal quite easily. As I mentioned in Bulletin 297, the 'GLOBE' perfin had been distorted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
 To large Consumers of
POSTAGE STAMPS.
FRANCIS A. HANCOCK,
 PRINTER AND STATIONER,

WOOD STREET POST OFFICE



IS SUPPLYING POSTAGE AND OTHER STAMPS



P E R F O R A T E D
 WITH THE INITIAL OF ANY FIRM,
F R E E O F C H A R G E
 FOR PERFORATING.

EXTRACT FROM "POST OFFICE GUIDE," page 14.

In consequence of representations made to the Post Office by various Firms that there is reason to believe that their postage stamps were purloined by persons in their employ, the Department has recommended either that the name of Firms, &c. be printed on the back of the stamps, or the stamps perforated through the stamps by means of a machine devised for the purpose; so that, the use of such stamps being thereby rendered difficult (Postmasters having been instructed not to purchase any of them), there may be little or no temptation to steal them."

THE ADVANTAGES OF THE ABOVE SYSTEM ARE, VIZ. :-

It prevents mis-appropriation or purloining. It prevents the Sale of Stamps so perforated. It is recognised and recommended by G.P.O. authorities. It is an advertisement. It can be applied to Receipt Stamps, Foreign Bill Stamps, Postage Wrappers, Post Cards, Postage Envelopes, Telegraph Stamps, &c.

All orders for Stamps must be accompanied by CASH or a Cheque payable in London, crossed "Pay to the order of FRANCIS A. HANCOCK," or arrangement may be made for payment on delivery. Orders received by First Morning Post will be delivered by Noon the following day. Should you entertain the above plan, please send name and address, and our representative will call upon you and give any further information that may be required.

***SMALL CONSUMERS OF STAMPS** can be supplied on the following terms:-A stamp made by the die on first order, from 15s., according to the number of letters. Stamps can be supplied not less than 2s worth at a time (assorted as desired) at the value of the stamps only.*

THE "WOOD STREET POST OFFICE,"
 37 & 38, WOOD STREET, E.C.,
 AND STEAM PRINTING WORKS, MOOR LANE
F. A. HANCOCK, Proprietor.

RECEIPT STAMPS overprinted with the name of the firm **F R E E O F C H A R G E**, Five Pounds at a time being ordered.

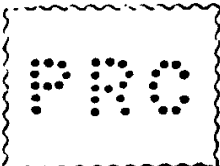
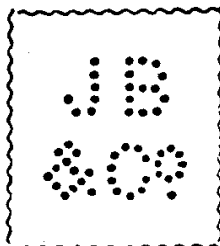
POSTAGE STAMPS PERFORATED FREE OF CHARGE.

BY

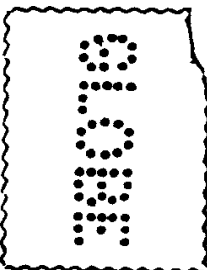
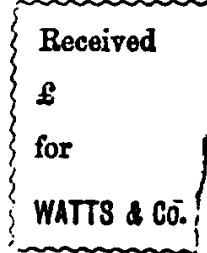
F. A. HANCOCK.

THE POST OFFICE, 37 & 38, WOOD ST., CHEAPSIDE, E.C.

From "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH," March 23rd, 1880.



MANSION HOUSE.—SALE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.—*George Barrett*, clerk, 14, Victoria-place, Stoke Newington, was charged before Alderman Sir Benjamin Phillips on suspicion of stealing a quantity of postage stamps, the property of Messrs. Blandy Brothers, wine merchants, 4, New London-street, Fenchurch-street.—Mr. B. Wontner prosecuted.—At Christmas last the prosecutors purchased £200 worth of postage stamps. They were placed in a safe, over which a brother-in-law of the prisoner, named Stevens, who was in the employ of the prosecutors, had charge. When examined last week £17 of the stamps were missing. The prisoner had been in the habit of visiting his brother-in-law, and when arrested by Detective Harding, he said the stamps he had sold were given to him by Stevens, to dispose of. This was denied by the prisoner's brother-in-law. In reply to Sir Benjamin Phillips, a postmaster named Fairry, who had purchased £1 worth of stamps from the prisoner, said that firms purchasing stamps could have them perforated with their own initials free, and then they would not be purchased at any post office.—Sir Benjamin—That is a piece of information not known to myself.—Mr. Wontner—Nor is it generally known, or the prosecutors would have availed themselves of it.—Sir Benjamin—I think it most important that it should be as widely known as possible, as the perforation of the stamps would stop persons stealing them.—The prisoner was remanded.



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2 Dies £3 15.

Perforator with the words



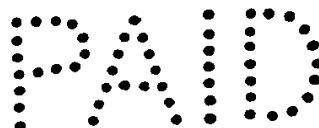
Complete, 40/-



Press complete 22/6.



Press complete, 30/-



Press complete, 25/-

POSTMASTERS by sending their own **STAMPS** can have them **PERFORATED**
for their Customers at Half per cent. beyond the cost of the die.